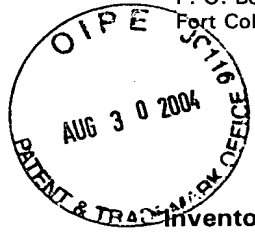


HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY
Intellectual Property Administration
P. O. Box 272400
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400

PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 200302814-1



IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): James Reuter et al.

Confirmation No.: 2619

Application No.: 09/872,597

Examiner: D. Robertson

Filing Date: 06/01/2001

Group Art Unit: 2186

Title: PROCESS FOR FAST, SPACE-EFFICIENT DISK COPIES USING PARALLEL DISTRIBUTED
TABLE DRIVEN I/O MAPPING

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on 02/24/2004, on the above-identified U.S. Patent application, a shortened statutory period of 3 months was set for response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby request(s) a:

- () one month
- () two months
- (X) three months
- () four months

time extension so that the period for response to the Office Action expires on 08/24/2004. Authorization to charge the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account 08-2025 appears in the enclosed transmittal letter. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as :

- (X) First Class Mail
- () "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10.
- "Express Mail" label no.

in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit: 08/24/2004

Typed Name: Michelle D. Sebastian

Signature:

Respectfully submitted,

James Reuter et al.

By
Gregory J. Lavorgna

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 30,468

Date: 08/24/2004

Telephone No.: (215) 988-3309